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see where the vast areas, plural, are that are supposedly not represented because they are out side of the city limits....

SENATOR MAHONEY: Are you acquainted with the water supply to Papillion, Nebraska? Where do they get their water from?

SENATOR DICKINSON: They get it from their wells and water towers, most of it.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Don't they also have contracts out with MUD...

SENATOR DICKINSON: I doubt that but I am not sure.

SENATOR MAHONEY: You will find out that Senator Keyes will have all of the answers that you need on this because the MUD has been coming down piece by piece and taking all of the new residential areas besides half of Omaha's water supply comes from MUD.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Mahoney I want to remind you that we have been trying to give you a little water and you want us to build dams to leave it all up there. I don't know why you can't build down there so you would have a little.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well Senator Dickinson because you are trying to flood the people in Sarpy County with your dams. Since you asked that question that is a brilliant answer to give you back.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Only because we love you so much Senator.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Oh not me. You are doing it to our brothers who sit to the south of you. That is the area that the dams come into.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you Senator Mahoney. I forgot to mention that when I stood up that I do rise to support Senator Koch and his terrible folly in an attempt to kill LB665. It should be very clear to this legislature at this point in time that the purpose of this bill is to guarantee Sarpy County that portion of Sarpy County which is all of Sarpy County that is being served by MUD that is outside the city limits of Omaha. The bill doesn't say that however. The bill talks about that area served by the Metropolitan Utilities District that is outside the city limits. I submit to this body at this time that a great portion of that probably as much as Sarpy County is in the west, south-west and north-west areas of Omaha which is in Douglas County outside the city limits. So, why...it seems to be a foregone conclusion by the supporters of this bill that this would guarantee Sarpy County a board member but it is a little bit difficult for me to understand. Senator Lewis you mention about representing your people. I always have a little bit of apprehension about my position as legislator that these are my people. I like rather to think that I am their person and here to serve them. Not to speak for those who haven't asked me to speak for them. If you want to represent the people Senator Lewis, may I ask you a question please?

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis, do you yield?

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes.